



ELK RUN CHURCH SITE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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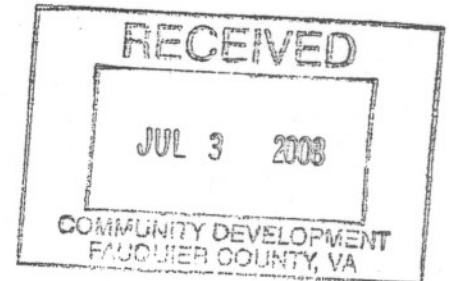
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Ms. Johnson,

I am the Chairman of the Elk Run Church Site Preservation Committee in Fauquier County, and I am requesting your assistance in waiving the \$800 Special Permit application fee.

The County has been very supportive of our efforts in accomplishing the all-volunteer archaeological dig of the 1750's Anglican Church foundation from 1999 to 2006, and in converting it to a Historical Church Park since 2007. Last year the County provided us a \$1,200 contribution toward our efforts. If the County is able to do the same this year, there will not be much funding left for us to continue our Historical Park efforts if we have to pay the \$800 Special Permit fee.

I hope the following information will assist you in accomplishing this request. An attached postcard provides an overhead view of the completed archaeological dig and a rendering of the future Historic Church Park.

Our organizational purpose is to preserve the 1750s Elk Run Anglican Church foundation site and its history so future generations will have knowledge of its past and an appreciation of our forefathers' contributions to the settlement of Fauquier County. This southern Fauquier County site is significant because it was the first Anglican Church site

established in what was the County's mid-1700's frontier area. The pre-Revolutionary brick cruciform structure was built in the 1750s during the ministry of its first Rector, the Reverend James Keith, a native of Scotland who served as Rector from about 1742 until 1751. The Reverend Keith's grandson was Chief Justice John Marshal.

The location of the old Elk Run Anglican Church Site is in Cedar Run Magisterial District, Fauquier County, Virginia. It is located on the south side of VA RTE 806 (Elk Run RD.), approximately 0.05± miles from the intersection of RTE 610 and RTE 806.

The State of Virginia has registered the "Elk Run Anglican Church" Archaeological Site as 44FQ179. Details on our archaeological work from 1999 to present can be found on our Web Site at <http://elkrunchurch.org>.

The first grave in an adjacent cemetery area, now on private property, was discovered on December 9, 2000. The property owners, William C. and Jacqueline E. Patton, were very helpful in giving us permission to do a follow-on ground penetrating radar search of the adjacent Church area by a pro-bono contractor. The search revealed that 24 (+) graves were located within 50-60 feet of the Church southern property line.

The Preservation Committee wants to complete a small structure over the most prominent corner of the old foundation so that it can be re-excavated and made available for viewing by small public groups on an appointment basis or on special event days like this coming 250th Fauquier County Celebration. Our goal is to have the foundation ready for viewing for next year's Celebration.

Your assistance in helping us achieve that goal would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



EDWARD F. DANDAR JR

Chairman

Elk Run Church Site Preservation Committee